

To foreign nationals who newly enter Japan after July 9, 2012

In accordance with the enforcement of the "Law for Partial Amendment of the Basic Residents Registration Act" (Act No. 77 of 2009), foreign residents (see Note below) will also be subject to the Basic Resident Registration System from July 9, 2012 (the date of enforcement). "Resident record" will also be prepared for foreign residents at your municipality (city/ward/town/village).

"Medium-to-long term residents" who enter Japan after the date of enforcement and will reside in Japan for the medium-to-long term with a status of residence covered in the revised Immigration Control Act (The people who are to be granted residence cards. People who stay in Japan with the status of residence of "temporary visitor" and people who have permission to stay for less than "3 months" are exempted.) must bring their residence card (bring your passport if you were not issued a residence card at the airport etc.) to your municipality and notify the office of their move in within fourteen (14) days from the date when they have settled in a residence at a new address in the municipality.

(Note) "Foreign residents" means "medium-to-long term residents" residing in Japan for the medium-to-long term with a status of residence covered in the revised Immigration Control Act, "special permanent residents", etc., whom have their own addresses in a specific municipality.

<< Please take note of the following! To those who live with their family in Japan >>

Suppose that your householder is also a foreign resident. If your householder notifies his/her move in to the relevant municipality, you need documents which certify your relationship to the householder (documents issued by public agencies in your home country, including your birth certificate and marriage certificate, etc.).

Furthermore, documents which certify your relationship to the householder must be translated into Japanese.

The Basic Resident Registration is a database containing everyone's resident record, which list data including your full name, date of birth, sex, address and relationship to the householder. It also serves as a basis for providing various administrative services to residents. Using the Basic Resident Registration, copies of resident record are issued to certify matters pertaining to residents. It is also used for clerical work in connection with residents.

*** For further information on the Basic Resident Registration System, please see this leaflet ["A New Resident Registration System for Foreign Residents Will Begin July 2012!"](#) .**